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1. SUMMARY: GOC AND MEDIA TAKE "WHO ME?" STANCE, WITH APPEAL TO NATIONAL UNITY AND ONLY SLIGHTEST SUGGESTION GOC MIGHT DO COMETHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN NOVEMBER 14 PRESS CONFERENNCE, FONMIN CARVAJAL ANNOUNCED THAT GOC UN DELEGATION HAD BEEN ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESS USSR ON QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR UKRANIANS AND OTHERS. THIS WILL BE CHILE'S ANSWER TO THE "DISCRIMINATORY, HYPOCRITICAL, UNJUST, NEGATIVE, AND INVALID "THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE. CARVAJAL MADE EXTENSIVE REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR GARMENT'S EXPLANATION OF US VOTE, BUT EMPHASIZED SECTION WHICH NOTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF MANY OF CHILE'S PRINCIPAL ACCUSORS LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED. ECHOING AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, CARVAJAL WARNED THAT SUCH "SELECTIVITY" ENDANGERS BOTH UN AS AN ORGANIZATION ANC CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE NOTED THAT PARADOXICALLY IT IS THOSE NATIONS WHICH MOST RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ARE MOST OFTEN

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ACCUSED OF VIOLATIONS, ESPECIALLY IF EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

FORCE THEM TO TAKE EMERGENCY MEASURES (READ CHILE). "IT IS NOT CHILE WHICH STANDS ACCUSED, BUT THE OBJECTIVITY AND THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

3. ON TOUR OF NOTRHERN PROVICE OF ANTOFAGASTA NOVEMBER 14, PRESIDENT PINOCHET SAID THAT "TIME HAS PROVE ME RIGHT" ON DESICION TO BAR UNHRC TEAM FROM CHLE, SINCE REPORT THEY PRODUCED IS A "PACK OF LIES ...WHICH APPEARS TO BE MORE A COLLECTION OF RADIO MOSCOW PROPAGANDA THAN AN IMPARTIAL AND AUTHORIZED STUDY OF THE UN." ADDED PINOCHET: " WE DID NOT CEDE YESTERDAY CONCERNING THE UNHRC VISIT, NOR WILL BE CEDE TODAY TO THE PRESSURE OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE OUR FRIENDS BUT WHO MAKE DEALS WITH INTERNATIONAL MARXISM." IN A PRESS CONFERENCE A DAY LATER, PINOCHET SAID UN RESOLUTION HAD SERVED TO UNITE CHILE INTERNALLY; "INTERNATIONALLY IT MAY BE NEGATIVE, BUT INTERNALLY IT IS POSITIVE."

4. NOVEMBER 18 PRESS REPORTS THAT CHIEFS OF MISSION OF NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, COSTA RICA, NORWAY, AND SPAIN WERE CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY PREVIOUS DAY IN REGARD TO THEIR VOTES ON RESOLUTION. MIDIA SPECULATED THAT ONLY SPAIN MIGHT BE INDUCED TO SWITHC FROM ABSTENTION TO NEGATIVE VOTE IN PLENARY. PRESS ALSO REPORTS LOCAL JORDANIAN/PALESTINIAN COLONY SENT CABLE TO KING HUSSEIN PROTESTING JORDAN'S "ANTI-CHILE" VOTE.

5. SANTIAGO PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE EDITORIAL AND OTHER PLAY TO RESOLUTION, FEATURING MAN-IN-THE-STREET INTERVIEWS AND RESOLUTIONS BY VARIOUS CIVIC GROUPS AND EVANGELICAL CHURCHES, WHICH ARE PREDICTABLY CRITICAL OF RESOLUTION. EDITORIALS GENERALLY CITE APPROVINGLY THAT SECTION OF AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S SPEECH ON EMNEST PROPOSAL WHICH STRESSES HYPOCRISY OF UN CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, BUT CONSTRUE SPEECH IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT GOC IS ESSENTIALLY BLAMELESS AND IS A VICTIM OF THAT HYPOCRISY. THERE IS HARDLY ANY RECOGNITION IN THESE EDITORIALS THAT CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES ALSO NEED IMPROVEMENT. ONLY "EL MERCURIO" IN LENGTHY REVIEW OF SITUATION NOVEMBER 16 URGED THAT BOTH A "BUSINESS-AS-USUAL" ATTITUDE AND ABJECT SUBMISSION TO FOREIGN PRESSURE BE REJECTED; IT FOVORED A VAGUELY WORDED THIRD COURSE INVOLVING GREATER COORDINATION OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY AND THE APPLICATION OF ONLY THOSE SECURITY MEASURES WHICH ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

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6. COMMENT: IN 1974, A GROUP OF UKRANIAN EXILES VISITED PINOCHET AND EXTRACTED STATEMENTS OF ESTEEM AND SUPPORT FROM HIM. IT APPEARS GOC IS PLANNING TO USE UKRANIAN CASE AS ONE OF ITS MAJOR POINTS IN ITS OWN HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. IN SPITE OF CHILEAN PRESS PLEASURE WITH MOYNIHAN STATEMENT, THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE PRIVATE GOC BITTERNESS AT US VOTE.

7. GOC AND ITS SUPPORTING MEDIA ARE THUS TAKING THE LINE THAT
UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCARCELY CONCERNS CHILE. GOVERNMENT'S
APPEAL TO PEOPLE CONTINUES TO BE FOR NATIONAL UNITY AGAINST
UNJUST ATTACK FROM NATIONS OF BAD FAITH AND THEIR DUPES.
THIS STANCE DOES NOT PRECLUDE GOC ACTIONS TO IMPROVE ITS HUMAN
RIGHTS PRACTICES, BUT DOES NOT ENCOURAGE HOPE THAT UNGA VOTE
WILL PROVOKE RETHINKING IN SANTIAGO.
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